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To this commission named above has been committed the task of erecting a suitable memorial in honor of George Rogers Clark. It is no simple task. Every American citizen has shared in the blessings bestowed by General Clark. The entire Northwest Territory is especially obligated to respond to the call that has been delayed for nearly one hundred fifty years. Clark's greatest achievements were on Indiana soil, on the banks of the Wabash where Indiana was born and largely reared. Every loyal Hoosier will inform himself as to the plans of this commission and make it a duty to contribute of his time, money or effort to the just task of rescuing the memory of General George Rogers Clark from oblivion.



Fort Harrison marker, located about two miles north of Terre Haute, marks the site and commemorates the one-hundredth anniversary of the battle fought September 4, 1812, between the Indians and the forces of General Zachary Taylor.

Erected September 4, 1912, by the Fort Harrison Centennial Association.

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FORT HARRISON IN 1912

The white spot in the foreground indicates the southwest corner of the block-house. The old fort did its work so well that it was abandoned as a military station in 1818. Since that time the land has had many owners one of whom was George Rapp of New Harmony fame. George Rapp also owned the tract of land in Terre Haute between Seventh and Thirteenth Streets and between Locust Street and Poplar Streets. From this interesting bit of history it is plain that the Rappites had designs to be worked out in Terre Haute. Rapp married and in so doing violated an inflexible law of the Rappites. It is generally understood that Rapp lost his life as a penalty for his disobedience. But plans of the Rappites in this county came to a sudden halt with this tragic death. Today the site of the old fort is the property of the Fort Harrison Country Club and through the president of this club, Mr. Homer B. Talley the Indiana Historical Society and its allied organizations were permitted to visit this historic scene.

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Fort Harrison Centennial Association

FORMED APRIL 15, 1912

For these purposes:

The object shall be to provide for the suitable patriotic observance of the one-hundredth anniversary of the Battle of Fort Harrison, fought between the United States soldiers and Indiana volunteers, under Captain Zachary Taylor and the hostile Indians, under Chief Lenar, at Fort Harrison, on the Banks of the Wabash, on September 4th, 1812.

To initiate a movement for the proper and permanent marking of the Battle Field;

To collect and preserve historical records and records of the battle;

To provide a suitable memorial to the men and women who participated in the campaign, and made possible the peaceful settlement of the Wabash Valley.

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Fort Harrison

On the Banks of the Wabash



September 4

THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

1

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawm's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleam-
ing,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous
fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly
streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave.

4

Oh, thus be it ever when freemen shall stand
Between their loved home and wild war's desolation;
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n-rescued land,
Praise the pow'r that hath made and preserv'd us a
nation;
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust;"
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave.

AMERICA

My country, 'tis of thee
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the Pilgrims' pride,
From every mountain side
Let freedom ring.

My native country, thee
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills.
My heart with rapture thrills
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees,
Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake,
Let all that breathe partake,
Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright,
With freedom's holy light,
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King.

SCHOOL SONG OF INDIANA

1

From Lake unto River extend her green fields,
Fair is the State we love;
And golden the harvest her industry yields.
Proud is the State we love,
O famed are her statesmen in every zone,
Loved is her Poet, her Schoolmaster known;
Trumpet and lyre, College and Spire,
Tell of the State we love.

CHORUS.

O fair Indiana, to thee we are true,
Bright is thy star in our Red, White and Blue;
Here's to our State, the Old Hoosier State,
Here to the State we love.

2

Thou land of the heroes who battled of old,
Far in Colonial days;
Of conquering Clark and his followers bold,
Worthy of endless praise;
O voices are calling, the centuries through,
Calling from Wabash and Tippecanoe;
"Patriots be, Dare to be Free,"
Answering voices raise.

3

O State that was first in thy loyalty shown,
Proved in our Nation's woe;
And first to give woman the right to her own,
Broadly thy honors grow;
Thy sons and thy daughters, with lofty acclaim,
Join in the joy and the pride of thy name;
Age upon age, History's page,
Bright with thy name shall glow.

Centennial Program at Fort Harrison

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 4, 1912
THREE O'CLOCK

No. 1—Calling to Order at 3 o'clock
Dr. W. W. Parsons, President of the Day

No. 2—Music..... Terre Haute First Regiment Band

No. 3—Unveiling Ceremonies.....
Daughters of the American Revolution

(a)—Music—Indiana State Song..... Mrs. Cooper
Chorus by Members of the D. A. R.

(b)—Ritual..... Miss Mary Alice Warren
Regent of Fort Harrison Chapter, D. A. R.

(c)—As the Flag Goes Up—“Star Spangled Banner”
By School Children and Audience
All standing

No. 4—Introduction of Hon. Chas. W. Fairbanks, Orator
of the Day..... Dr. W. W. Parsons

No. 5—Address by..... Mr. Fairbanks

No. 6—Introduction of Distinguished Guests
Dr. W. W. Parsons

Remarks by Guests

No. 7—Depositing of Wreath of Immortelles on the
Monument... Terre Haute Lodge No. 19, F. & A. M.

(a)—Announcement by..... Dr. W. W. Parsons

(b)—Calling Up of the Lodge... J. S. Jordan, W. M.

(c)—Introduction of Hon. Charles J. Orbison.....
J. S. Jordan, W. M.

(d)—The Lodge will arise and proceed to the en-
closure of the Monument and all Masons present
will please arise and surround the Monument
as nearly as possible.

(e)—Address and Depositing of the Wreath
Hon. Charles J. Orbison

No. 8—All present will unite in singing “America,”
Led by the First Regiment Band
Directed by Prof. Chester L. Fidler.